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THOMAS F. WALSH, A STRONG MAN, REMOVED BY DEATH.

Washington, is dead, following an illness lasting for weeks. His death removes a man of strong and remarkable character and of unusual achievements and is a loss to the city of Washington, as well as to the State of Colorado with which he was so long identified.

It is to the credit of Mr. Walsh that he rose from a poor Irish lad to be not only a man of great wealth but of large business capacity and of deep interest in many phases of affairs. He was distinctly of the self-made type. What he had accomplished was through his own efforts. Before he was made a multi-millionaire by shrewd mining investments and lucky strikes in the mines of Colorado and the Black Hills, he had made a success in business. He was a director in a number of the financial institutions of Washington, and was honored outside of the financial field, in politics, in science, in society, and in various walks of life.

Those who knew Mr. Walsh best knew that, while many times a millionaire, he found most pleasure and deepest satisfaction in doing kind things for his friends. Many instances of good deeds done unostentatiously in behalf of the needy or the deserving

Neither Washington nor the country can well spare a man of the strength of character and largeness of heart of Thomas F. Walsh.

HOUSE VOTES FOR TWO BIG BATTLESHIPS.

In a vote in which party lines were ignored, the House has taken a stand for two big battleships of the 26,000ton class. It now rests with the Senate to say what shall be done as to the naval construction program. While a fight will be made against two battle ships, it is probable, in view of the attitude of the Senate in the past, and with the President urging two battle ships, that two will be authorized.

This means that the country is going ahead on the building up of a great mavy at a rate that will insure the United States a place for an indefinite period as the second naval power in the world. No nation but Great Britain the near future. The American navy, and the expert accountants right! built and building, is not only a tremendous force, but it is growing by leaps and bounds. Many who raise the cry for a great navy do not fully appreciate how formidable it is already.

For one thing, we are now building two warships, the Arkansas and Wyoming, each of the 26,000-ton class, which surpass any vessel any other nation has affoat or under construction. If two more are authorized this year, four of these monsters will presently be under construction. The United States navy is so far ahead of Japan's that Representative Padgett declared on the floor of the House that half the American Inst-class battleships against thirtyeight for Germany. If we go ahead
with two battleships a year, Germany
will be far outstripped by 1917, having forty-eight, built and building.

by considering only those warships which are equipped with guns of teninch caliber or greater, and, as he coninch caliber or greater, and, as he conthat some of the German buttleships He admitted that the market was made from the gas company. that some of the German battleships to pay what it would stand. Some It remains to be seen whether either that time, and the United States Senator

country stands second in naval strength mittee justify the Government in probyear. It is doubtful if the average American takes much stock in the cry about the evils of saddling more naval burdens on the nation. The indications are that he orefers to help support a navy whi h will be fully competent to meet all comers.

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"Well, don't cry about it, dear," he gently said. "I know," man who will give us another dog."—London News.

The Whole Truth About the Gas Companies.

The House Committee on District of Columbia affairs has shown most commendable patience with the gas companies, and is not to be blamed if its stock of good nature is approaching exhaustion. The gentlemen who have been sent by the gas companies to tell the committee about its affairs seem to have been commissioned to provide the least possible information, and their attitude has been such as to suggest small consideration for the dignity or self-respect of the committee.

Small wonder that one after another the committeemen have been demanding to know why the Gas Company sends to them an alleged expert who, presenting a mass of generalizations about gas, invariably pleads ignorance of the specific concerns of the Washington companies. Dr. Humphreys, doubtless, knows a good deal about gas, but his testimony has been just about as pertinent to the case in hand, as if he had been explaining the condensation of the scheme of cosmos out of uni-

What the District Committee wants is expert information, not expert conversation. Dr. Humphreys is beyond doubt one of our leading conversationalists, though a feeling of local pride compels the observation that as a Marathon talker, animated by purpose to obscure specific data in a haze of linguistic penumbra, he has very little on our able Thomas F. Walsh, of Colorado and townsman, Mr. Richard H. Goldsborough, general counsel and chief fixer for the Gas Monopoly.

The members of the committee want to know why the executive officers of the gas companies do not appear. Perhaps, it is because on the one side they would be at a disadvantage in pleading utter ignorance of everything the committee wanted to know; possibly, also, because of a certain modesty about testing their meager faculties of conversational obscuration on a committee which shows distressing symptoms of de-

Now, it is common report that the president of the company is paid \$30,000 a year. For that amount of salary, the company ought to get a mighty lot of intelligence, and very specific intelligence, about gas; and the committee appears to be on the right track in proposing to summon Mr. McLean to tell what he knows.

And apropos of this question of salaries, a suggestion to the inquiring members of the committee. If they will summon the proper officials from the Census Bureau, they will learn that salaries of gas officials in Washington cost more, per thousand feet of gas produced, than in any other census jurisdiction in the United States. That is the census report, and a mighty interesting and suggestive report it will be

Messrs. McLean, Goldsborough, and the rest of the high-priced officials of gas in this town may be worth all they cost. But judgment as to their value would be more easily formed if they should be called before the committee and permitted to tell what they know.

The District Committee is on the right track. It is needed now to know, not about gas in Massachusetts, and the English sliding scale, and illuminating systems in Tibet-but to learn what has been the financial history and manufacturing experience of the particular gas companies in Washington. They want to double their capitalization. Is it to the public interest that they be allowed to do so?

The public wants cheaper gas. Can it be given cheaper gas, without confiscating the property of the company?

Those are the questions on which light is demanded. The committee can't answer them till it gets a look inside the gas accounts.

And right here a suggestion about the uncertainty of information provided by the officials of gas companies. In the Consolidated Gas case in New York, the company prepared, from its books, in great detail, a report showing the actual cost of producing gas as a trifle over

The court had misgivings, and ordered the company's books opened. A great firm of accounting experts was told to take those books, and figure exactly what it was costing the company to make gas. What do you think was the result?

The accounting firm swore that the company was making gas for 18 cents per thousand less than the company's officials swore it cost!

The two reports were brought into court, the men who made then parently, none will do so anywhere in were examined, and the court found that the gas officials were wrong

Now, the Washington Gas Light Company's annual report tells us that it costs 58.228 cents per thousand feet to make gas, per thousand. Suppose that they are mistaken by 18 cents, as were the New York Consolidated officials!

These things are worth finding out. The District Committee is plainly set on knowing. There is just one proper procedure, and that is to order a complete investigation of the entire business of these companies, by experts from the outside. Open the books. Get the truth; then act intelligently on the facts that are disclosed,

THE "BUTTER TRUST."

give the Pacific a force greater than der the ban of the Government. At "Butter trust." show that the United States navy not merely exceeded the German navy, but it is true, as reported, that a board that if this country built one big battleship a year until the time the pressure of determining the price of the Senate who, so active and capable a young woman as Miss Sears has received a flood of letters containing proposals of marting.

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thirty-eight big battleships to our quietly for some time. The statements greenbacks. made before the Senate committee It seems that critics of the guardians which is investigating the cost of living of the poor constitute another of those gagements. They are made to feel that Mr. Padgett's figures were arrived at, not as some of the comparisons are, but by President John Newman, of the El. by President John Newman J tended, are really entitled to be con- mittee of five men met every Monday | Congress seems to have as much troumorning at Elgin and fixed butter prices.

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apparent the country will back Con- law of supply and demand for the gress in voting two big battleships a exorbitant prices exacted of consumers

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THEN IT STARTED.

In the Mail Bag

The Times will accept for publication in its Mail Bag columns, short, vigorous letters on questions of public interest. It cannot undertake to publish letters exceeding 250 words, and reserves the right rigidly to condense come nications which are of greater length. Letters should be written on one side of the paper only, and must contain the name and address of the writer, but these will not be published if request to that effect

The "Conspiracy."

the Editor of The Washington Times: It is a self evident fact that Theodore conserved without office or official restige stands out as one of the most onspicuous persons in the world's his-bry. His friends are eminently loyal to m and the principles he advocates. ne can go North, South, East and West, nd his loyal followers and anmirers are nbered by thousands. His experience In Egypt marks him not only as a judge of history but a prognosticator of the future of nations. His speech before the university at Cairo while bold was truthful and only a brave man would have made it. It should not have given the truth the speech of a week of Miss Isabel Chapman, who gave a tea, followed by a dinenr-dance, in honor of Miss Young last Saturday. ontrast the condition of Egypt at the the bridal party, which will attend the of Gordon's massacre and the presnt condition of Egypt under the wise a number of out-of-town friends.

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way you figure it. Quotations on

ally indersed by the solons and it is said that some of them are carrying it into effect. This cannot be established. On every bill of fare in the Senate restaurant there now appears this legend, printed with a rubber stamp:

"Under the regulations of the Senate now in force, the waiters of the Senate Cafe are not permitted to receive tips."

There was wailing and weeping amon he colored waiters when the announce nent was made. That same day a Senator who likes good service said to

George, do I understand there is no you boys discover some way to beat

The "Constituent's" Day

GOVERNMENT ON TRAIL OF which the average American will ac. THESE are the days of the glad hand around the Capitol. Members of cept without a feeling of protest that the House who in the early days of there is something wrong. The Departhalf in the Pacific, and that this would latest of the combinations to come unany one and every one from their dis-

tleship a year until the time the present German naval program is completed in 1917, we would have forty first-class battleships against thirty-sight for Germany. If we go ahead late the Sherman anti-trust act.

ception awaiting them; a bountiful

Then, if the legislators come to Washington they will notice a most remarkonce more on tap. The same situation exists over on the

House side at the present time. Even on the basis of these figures put before the House by Mr. Padgett, but it is the House by Mr. Padgett, but it is the House by Mr. Padgett, but it is the champion of the safe and sane the champion of the safe and sane the members are anxious to have good remainder.

Mr. Coudrey will go down in history and they are taking no chances. And the members are anxious to have good remainder the safe and sane that pin. ports of them go back home, and they set about the circulation of such re-

Mrs. Stephen B. Elkins Entertains In Compliment to Mrs. James McKee

Mrs. Francis W. Dickins

Hostess at Tea Today

Mrs. Francis W. Dickins, wife of ear Admiral Dickins, U. S. N., will be

Daughter of Former Presi- Mrs. Taft Is Planning dent Harrison Honor Guest at Luncheon.

Miss Robyn Young Issues Cards for Bridge Tea April 15.

Mrs. James Robert McKee, of New York, daughter of former President Harrison, was the honor guest of Mrs. Stephen B. Elkins at Juncheon today.

Miss Robyn Young has eards out for

t bridge tea, Friday afternoon, April

imbrage to anyone who loves the truth. He liad just a short time before visited at the liad just a short time before visited at the liminary of Egypt where the momental Gordon and his few adherents had been brutally massacred by the children of the desert; and he could but the brutally massacred by the contrary the condition of Ferry at the

At Japanese Embassy.

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The Ambassador of Japan and Baroness Uchida entertained a dinner company last evening having as their guests the German Ambassador and Countess von Bernstorf, and Countess

The Counters of the table decorations were carried out in yellow. The guests were Mrs. Sydney C. Kaufman, Mrs. Samuel J. Steinberger, Mrs. Calvert Rosenthal, Mrs. Sol Minger, Mrs. Calvert Rosenthal, Mrs. Sol Minger, Mrs. Gerson Nordlinger, and Mrs. Joseph Auerbach.

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For the Senate always votes an extra year's salary to the family of the deceased, besides paying all funeral expenses.

Likewise employes of the Capitol force all get an extra month's pay voted to them annually, making their year consist of thirteen months for salary purposes.

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Salary purposes.

But despite these little liberalities, the Senate has gone on record against tipping. The great reform has been formally indersed by the solons and it is new residence on N street.

were the honor guests of the former governor of Minnesota and Mrs. W. R. Merrium at dinner last evening at their new residence on N street.

Captain Sowerby, naval attache of the British embassy, entertained a dinner company at Rauscher's last evening, preceding the hunt ball at Chevy Chase.

Clude with a social hour.

Miss S. Messinger, of Orange, Va., who was the guest of Mrs. L. Messinger, has returned to her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Koulewitch, of New York, are stopping at the Willard, and will remain to attend the Leon-Krulewitch wedding Sunday evening.

NORTH DAKOTA IS COMPLETED

Ten Million-Dollar Dreadnought Ready to Be Commis-

stoned.

BOSTON. April 9.—The new \$10,000,000 | Appomattox Day celebration, Union VetDreadnought North Dakota, just completed at the shipyards of the Fore
River Company at Quincy, Mass., will arrive at Charlestown navy yard from

Appomattox Day celebration, Union Veteran Hall, 516 Ninth street northwest, 8 p. m.

Chess and Whist Club, 614 Twelfth street, 8 p. m.

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Douglas Go "O, yessah, we've figgered it out al-pleted at the shipyards of the Fore River Company at Quincy, Mass., will

COLONEL BAIN TO SPEAK.

Col. George W. Bain will be the prin- ments.) cipal speaker at the temperance meeting to be held at the Columbia Theater

What's on the Program Tonight in Washington

Her temporary commander will be Commander Charles Peshall Plunkett, U. S. N., who for the Bureau of Equip-"The Lid Lifters," 8:15 p. m.

Academy—"In Old Kentucky," 8:15 p. m.

Majestic—Vaudeville and motion pictures, 7 to 11 p. n.

Gavety—"The Lid Lifters," 8:15 p. m.

Lyceum.—"Frolicsome-Lambs," 8:15 p. m.

Arcade—Midway and other attraction.

(The Times will be pleased to announce meetings and entertainments in this column. Phone or write announcements.)

TRAINMEN GET MORE PAY.

tomorrow afternoon. The meeting is under the auspices of the Weman's Christian Temperance Union. Senator Eimer F. Burkett will preside and music will be furnished by Moody's orchestra.

The Young Lady Across the Way

The day's temperature, MADAME we observed to STITCH CLADIES the young lady TAILOR. across the way, was 71 degrees at the maximum and she said yes but of course she supposed it got a good deal higher than that at

Miss Margaret C. C. Brooks Garden Party for May 6 Chooses May 17 for The garden parties at the White House Wedding Day. which were se successful last spring, will be repeated this year, Mrs. Taft

will be repeated this year, Mrs. Taft having arranged for a similar series, beginning Friday afternoon, May 6.

A more picturesque setting for an alfresco entertainment could hardly be imagined than the quaint gardens and lawns in the rear of the White House.

Mrs. Taft is the second mistress of the Executive Mansion in recent years to take advantage of the possibilities offered by the extensive grounds, Mrs. Roosevelt's example in entertaining her friends outdoors in the spring being almost unprecedented. Will Be Married to Assistant Surgeon Lucius W. Johnson, U. S. N.

Miss Margaref C. C. Brooks, daughter of Mrs. E. C. Brooks, has selected Tuesday, May 17, for the date of her wedding to Assistant Surgeon Lucius Warren Johnson, U. S. N. The cere-mony will take place in St. Thomas Charch, and will be an afternoon event. The engagement of Miss Brooks and Dr. Johnson was announced about a month ago.

ostess at tea this afternoon from 4 Hunt Ball

At Chevy Chase Club.

Assisting Mrs. Dickins will be her hearry tharris Barroll, Mrs. Henry tharris Barroll, Mrs. Henry tharris Barroll, Mrs. Henry thin in twelve years was held last night ton in twelve years was held last night at the Chevy Chase Club, and proved one of the most brilliant functions of the season.

The clubbourse was gavly decorated for the season.

The clubhouse was gayly decorated for The house will decorated with apple blossoms and other spring flowers.

Mrs. Yung Kwai has cards out for Thursday afternoon, April 14, from 4 to 6 o'clock, at 2021 Kalorama road. the occasion with fany suggestions of the chase, combined with branches of spring foliage and flowers.

"What's the system?"

George explained that the Senator was to go away and leave his change as though he forgot it. The negro was to keep it and when handed to the Senator later he was to disclaim ownership. And on that basis the tipping law has been rescinded. The joker in it is plainer thap the biggest one that was ever found in the tariff revision.

River Company at Quincy, Mass., will street, 8 p. m.

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Quincy tomorrow and will be placed in commission Mor. 4ay.

The ship is expected to remain at the yards until the middle of June. Durling her stay gunsights and wireless apparatus will be installed. repairs and improvements made, and the crew of officers and seamen will be recruited.

Her temporary commander will be Commander Charles Peshall Plunkett, W. S., who for the Bureau of Eguip—

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Theaters.

National—"Father and the Boys," 8:15

Beliasco—Viola Allen, in "The White Seleasco—Viola Allen, in "The White Seleas

James Hopkins, Miss Gladys Hinckley, Miss Georgianna Hopkins, Mr. Mitchellinnes.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. L. Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Elsen Jordon, Hennen Jennings, Miss Katherine Jennings, Dv. and Mrs. Ralph Jenkins, Miss Sophy Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Keep, L. Miss Mary L. McKee, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Legare, Mi. and Mrs. Arthur Lee, Mrs. James Robert McKee, Miss Mary L. McKee, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Laboulsse, T. H. Low. C. B. Lamont, Mr. and Mrs. George McLanahau, Mr. McLean, William Merlam, Mr. and Mrs. George McLanahau, Mr. McLean, William Mrs. Beier Marrow, Dr. and Mrs. Morgan, Gen. Nelson A. Miles, Lieutenant and Mrs. Sherman Miles, Mr. and Mrs. Minor, Basil Miles, William Merriam, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Moore, John Meriam, Mr. Neale, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Noyes, Miss. Noyes, Major Norton, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Oxnard, Senator and Miss. Oliver, Miss Martna Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nelson Page, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nelson Page, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pearsall, Kirke Porter, Richard Wayne Parker, Miss Eleanor, Parker, M. M. Parker, Henry P. Parker, Andrew Peters.

Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Parsons, Charles, Porter, Miss Pinchon, Hugh Rowiand, Commander and Mrs. Reamey, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Reyburn, Mr. and Mrs. Summerlin, Robert Stead, Henry Stewart, Miss Mary Southerland, Capt. C. F. G. Sowerby, Kernochan Scott, Major George O. Squier, Mr. and Mrs. Tappan, Howard Tappan, Miss Poorter, Mrs. Thropp, George Totten, Dr. and Mrs. Tappan, Howard Tappan, Miss Vandergrift, Jonkheer Van Weede, Miss Ehele Bagg, Miss Fell. Major and Mrs. Barry, Miss Mary Southerland, Capt. C. F. G. Sowerby, Kernochan Scott, Major George Totten, Dr. and Mrs. Tappan, Howard Tappan, Miss Talbot, Miss Elsie Aldrich, Mrs. Worthington, Mr. and Mrs. Sanneelly, William White, Nathan Wyeth, Guy Whiting, Miss Whiting, Mr. and Mrs. Raber, Miss Barry, Miss Donney, Miss Meroney, Miss Meroney, Miss Meroney, Miss Meroney, Miss Meroney, Miss Barry, Miss Duryee, Miss McMertine, Miss Ethel Wood Left, Miss Land, Miss Barbour, Miss Barry